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First Named Inventor	Federico, Pio
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Douglas A. Wille
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____

iii. ☐ Other ____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Appendices 1-4; English Translation of EP Application No. 98830694.0

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other ____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 19-1090.

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

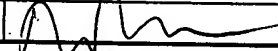
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other ____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 860 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Federico Pio et al.
Application No. : 10/090,978
Filed : March 4, 2002
For : IMPROVED FIELD-EFFECT TRANSISTOR AND
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on September 19, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.